IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE
Criminal Application No.1046 of 2007
In
Criminal Appeal No.856 of 2007

Shri Sanjay Bapu Pujari — Applicant
Vs.
State of Maharashtra — Respondent

Mr.V.V.Purwant for applicant.
Mr.P.A.Pol, APP for State.

CORAM: B.H.MARLAPALLE, J.

September 14, 2007.

P.C.

. Heard Mr. Purwant, the learned counsel for the applicant. This is an application for bail during the pendency of Criminal Appeal No.856 of 2007. The applicant has been sentenced to suffer RI for two years and to pay a fine of Rs.1000/- for the offence punishable under Section 3(1)(x) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

. The learned counsel has placed on record a copy of the order dated 14/8/2007 passed by the learned Ad-hoc Addl. Sessions Judge, Ichalkarani and it is clear from the same that the applicant was on bail during trial and even after the pronouncement of

the order of conviction and sentence, he has been granted interim bail as a result of which as of today, he is not in jail.

. Having regards to the oral depositions of the witnesses i.e. PW 3 and PW 6 as well as the reasoning set out in support of the order of conviction, I am satisfied that the applicant deserves to be released on bail by suspending the order of sentence.

. Hence the application is allowed and it is directed that the applicant be released on bail, unless required in some other case, during the pendency of Criminal Appeal No.856 of 2007, on the same terms as before the trial Court but on fresh bonds and subject to deposit of the fine amount.

(B.H.MARL